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1. FOLLOWING ARE OUR REACTIONS TO BUDGET INFO TRANSMITTED REFTEL (WHICH DID NOT REACH US UNTIL SEPT 6):

2. DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE:

A. FY-79 LEVELS. WE ARE GRATIFIED THAT RWANDA HAS BEEN SPARED SURGERY INFILCTED ELSEWHERE IN AFRICA AND OUR PROGRAM REMAINS AT THE LEVEL WE PROPOSED.

B. FY-80 REQUEST. AID APPARENTLY SUSTAINED "EXPANSION" LEVEL RECOMMENDED BY KIGALI BUT REJECTED THE HIGHER OR "PROPOSED" LEVEL. IN DOING SO, IT AXED A \$4 MILLION RURAL ROAD PROJECT WHICH I CONSIDER AN ESSENTIAL PART OF AN INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT WHICH PRESUMABLY RECEIVED GREEN LIGHT SEPARATELY. ROAD PROJECT, THOUGH INFRASTRUCTURAL

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IN CHARACTER, ACTUALLY RELATES CLOSELY TO OUR STRATEGY FOR ADDRESSING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS IN HIGH-ALTITUDE ZAIRE/NILE CREST REGION OF WESTERN RWANDA. IN HOPES THAT AID/W WILL EVENTUALLY AGREE, WE PROPOSE TO GO AHEAD WITH PROJECT DOCUMENTATION AND AIM FOR FY-80 FALL OUT FUNDS.

C. ONLY OTHER FY-80 PROJECT EXCLUDED BY REFTEL FIGURES
IS \$1.1 MILLION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROPOSAL IN
SUPPORT OF CEPGL. WE UNDERSTAND AID/W DELETED THIS
PROPOSAL FROM POST'S ABS SUBMISSION AND TRANSFERRED
IT TO REGIONAL AFFAIRS PIGEON HOLE. NOT SURE WHERE
THIS LEAVES PROJECT, HOWEVER, SINCE REGIONAL ACTIVITIES
APPEAR GROUPED UNDER "ENHANCEMENT" CATEGORY AND SEEM
HAVE LITTLE CHANCE OF SURVIVING OMB CUTS. AS INDICATED
KIGALI 1503, I BELIEVE THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO DEMONSTRATE
ACTIVE AND MATERIAL INTEREST IN THIS "FLEDGLING"
ORGANIZATION, AS A MEASURE OF OUR INTEREST
IN REGIONAL STABILITY AND AFRICAN PROBLEM-SOLVING.
IT WOULD BE A PITY IF THIS INITIATIVE FELL BETWEEN
BILATERAL AND REGIONAL STOOLS.

D. TITLE II. AMOUNTS PROGRAMMED FOR RWANDA FOOD
FOR PEACE PROPERLY REFLECT GROWING FOOD SHORT FALL
AND OUR OFT EXPRESSED DESIRE TO HELP RWANDA
COVER THIS SHORT FALL.

3. MILITARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING (IMETP). MOST
DISTRESSING NEWS CONTAINED REFTEL WAS THAT
RWANDA AGAIN HAD BEEN ELBOWED AWAY FROM THE MILITARY
ASSISTANCE TROUGH. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, WE FAILED
LAST YEAR TO SELL THE IDEA OF STRENGTHENING
RWANDAN ARMY'S DEVELOPMENTAL ROLE BY PROVIDING
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"NON-LETHAL" EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING. WE DECIDED THIS
YEAR TO RETRENCH AND APPEALED ONLY FOR THE TRAINING
ELEMENT, REQUESTING A MODEST \$0.1 MILLION
IMETP PROGRAM. WE BELIEVED THIS TO BE MINIMUM
GESTURE WE COULD MAKE IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN CREDIBILITY
AND INFLUENCE WITH SECURITY-ANXIOUS RWANDAN ARMY
OFFICERS (WHO STILL RUN THIS COUNTRY). GOR, OF
COURSE, ASKED US FOR CONSIDERABLY MORE AND WILL BE
DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED -- PERHAPS THE RIGHT WORD IS
DISILLUSINED -- WHEN WE HAVE TO SAY NO AGAIN THIS
YEAR. WE HAVE WORKED VERY HARD TO FIND A WAY TO
ENHANCE OUR INFLUENCE WITH THIS KEY POLITICAL OROSP,
AS A MEANS OF ENABLING PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA TO
CONTINUE TO PURSUE HIS ENLIGHTENED DEVELOPMENT AND
HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES. BY DENYING OURSELVES THIS
INFLUENCE, WE SERIOUSLY UNDERMINE CHANCES FOR
ACHIEVING THE REST OF OUR GORM OBJECTIVES. I STRONGLY
URGE THAT RWANDAN CASE BE RECONSIDERED AND INCLUDED
AMONG THOSE WITH A "REASONABLE PROSPECT OF BEING
APPROVED."

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